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SUBJECT: IMPORT DUTIES, TAXES, CONTROLS

1. OIM IN PROCESS REVIEWING ACCURACY INFORMATION ON ABOVE SUBJECT. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO ANSWER, CONFIRM, OR UP-DATE, AS NECESSARY, QUESTIONS SET FORTH BELOW.

A. IS THE LISTA DE CODIGOS PARA MERCADERIAS DE IMPORTACION PERMITIDA, CIRCULAR NO. 1642, PUBLISHED BY EMPRESA DE EDICIONES ECONOMICAS STILL CURRENT? IF NOT, PLEASE ADVISE CHANGES.

B. IS 10,000 PERCENT PRIOR IMPORT DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT FOR MOST IMPORTS BY PRIVATE SECTOR STILL IN EFFECT?

C. WHAT IS THE CURRENT U.S. DOLLAR EQUIVALENT OF THE GOLD PESO USED IN COMPUTING ESCUDO AMOUNT OF SPECIFIC DUTIES?

D. WHILE SPECIFIC DUTIES ARE BEING LARGELY ELIMINATED FROM CHILE'S TARIFF, HOW DOES THIS AFFECT CHILE'S CONCESSIONS TO LAFTA COUNTRIES? DO SPECIFIC RATES LISTED IN CHILE'S LIST OF CONCESSIONS TO LAFTA CONTINUE TO APPLY?

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E. IS THE LISTA NACIONAL DE CHILE, 1969, WHICH GIVES CHILE'S LAFTA CONCESSION RATES, THE LATEST COMPLETE AND CURRENT LISTING ON THIS SUBJECT?

F. ARE FOLLOWING TAXES ON IMPORTS STILL IN EFFECT: TURN-OVER TAX OF 8 PERCENT ON DUTY PAID VALUE; PORT IMPORVEMENT TAX OF 2 PERCENT ON C.I.F. VALUE; MARCHANT MARINE TAX OF 10 PERCENT OF FREIGHT CHARGES; RECONSTRUCTION TAX OF 10 PERCENT; 3 PERCENT OF THE C.I.F. VALUE ON IMPORT REGISTRATIONS.

G. ANY OTHER TAXES OR CHARGES NOT MENTIONED ABOVE?

H. ARE ANNUAL EXCHANGE QUOTAS FOR IMPORTERS STILL IN EFFECT?

2. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE CHILE CONSIDERING A SINGLE TAX PAYABLE IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE TO REPLACE CURRENT DUTIES. PLEASE PROVIDE ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION REGARDING RATE OF TAX CONTEMPLATED, HOW IT WILL BE IMPOSED, AND ON WHAT PRODUCTS. RUSH

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